

Arlington Public Art Meeting, January 14, 2016

Time: 7:30pm

Location: First Floor Conference Room

Present: Adria Arch, Jill Manca, Jane Howard, Martina Tanga, Nilou Moochhala

1. Discuss True Story Theater project with Christopher Ellinger:
True Story Theater received a grant to work with Arlington town volunteer-based groups to help them identify their mission and how to better implement their mission. True Story Theater has partnered with Vision2020 but is working with the church and other town groups. True Story Theater could facilitate a workshop with APA to help identify APA's goals? Some of the questions could be, "Why is Public Art Important?" or "How have you been impacted by Public Art?"
This workshop is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 21st 7-9pm in the Arlington Main Library. It would be like a "retreat" for APA core members and those that are on the APA mailing list.
2. Youth Banner Initiative from Martina:
We received 93 submissions in response to our call that went out in the Fall. The jury – Cecily Miller, Joe Curro, and Jill Manca – met to select 30 winning artworks. Martina has now taken those artworks to Arlington Banner and Flag to get scanned and printed. Install is scheduled for the last week of March, and the Banners will be up April and May 2016. There will be a reception in April.
3. Transformers update from Jill:
This is the third year of the program. As there is a budget constraint this year, and so there will only be three boxes: one near Magnolia Park / Thorndike Park; one near the Hardy and Lake Street; and one near Broadway. Jill will go for approval to the board of selectmen on February 8th. Shortly after a call for artists will go out.
4. Chairful update from Adria:
The date will have to shift as Dallin Museum will be under construction in June. So the date might be July 23rd – there is a thought that Dallin Musuem will have a musical night then. Adria is meeting the 6 volunteers that will run it on January 31st.
5. East Arlington update from Adria:
This summer there will be 3 pop-up Public Art projects in East Arlington. One already defined is the Fox Festival. It will include a parade and two workshops where families can make a large fox puppet. It will probably be at the same time of Feast of The East, which will be June 17th. There is going to be a fundraising evening at Lori's house in April for all the three Pop-Up projects. We got a grant from the Arlington Cultural Council of \$1000. The goal is to arrive to \$15,000 and the town will match this.
6. Protecting the Public Art Fund:
Public Art Fund is held by the town manager. APA is meeting with Adam Chapdelaine to have a protocol in writing so that any money spent needs to be approved by APA.